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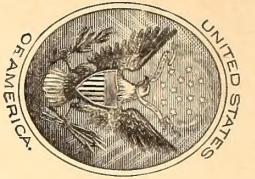
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A

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March 21, 1913.
Audubon, Iowa
Editor of the Knoxville Journal
Dear Sir:-
I voted for Fremont at
Pleasantville in 1856 and
for Lincoln in 1860 at
Knoxville and in 1864 at
Memphis Tennessee
while a private in
Company K, third Iowa
Caval. and am still
voting the right wing
of the Republican Party
Yours Truly
W.H. Aldrich

Aldrich, W.
H.



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Editor of the Knoxville Journal

Knoxville

Iowa

Allen, N.T.

L.-D. Debates
Galesburg

N. T. ALLEN, Agent
Galesburg, Ill.

Galesburg, Ill.

Mr. Howard K. Terry
Philadelphia
Penn.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter to Rev. N. T. Allen
at hand. I find it was laid away
and unanswered, and I apologize

My father Rev. Allen passed to
his reward in Oct. - 1929 - (85 yrs)
He would have been glad to have
told you about the Lincoln -
Douglas Debate held in front
of Knox College Old Main

I have heard him say that
he remembered the vast crowds
of people cheering for the Lincoln

He sat on the platform where he
could turn + look up into his
face + while he impressed him
as being tall and awkward
he was equally impressed with
his kind face.

Mr. H. W. Holmes - 270 Maple Ave
Galesburg Ill - also saw
Lincoln.

An old lady 89 yrs. of age
Grandma Hunter. but I believe
she could not see to write to you

Very respectfully -

Mrs. H. D. Weaver
Galesburg

R.R-2-
Ill

Allison, A. B.

Farmington, Ill.

Charleston, Ill.

Charleston Ill Jan 22, 1931.

Mr Howard K Perry,
Wisteria St.
Bustleton
Philadelphia
Penn.

Dear Sir:-

Pardon me for not answering
your letter. When I received it I
mislaid it and was never able
to find it. I phoned to my brother
in law - G. T. Balch and got your
address. Did he write you? He
knows as much or more about
the Lincolns than any one else
now living in that neighborhood.

Tom Gordon - Janesville Ill. - an
old soldier - could tell as much
as any one about the Lincolns and
the early settlers, as his father
was the earliest settler in that
neighborhood and it was at the
Gordon - Shiloh graveyard where
Thomas Lincoln was buried.

My sister ^{Mrs. Miner} is getting too feeble to write
letters, and my oldest brother is no
hand to write.

This may be too late to do you
any good. But if you still want
info to. I can tell you all about
when my mother immigrated to
this country with her parents in
1834. ~~Her~~ nearest neighbor was
Thomas ^{then living near Lerma Ill.} Lincoln and afterwar
both families moved down near
Farmington and were neighbors
to my fathers family.

One of my seat mates at the
Farmington school was Mrs
Lincolns grand son, almost
60 years ago.

If you still want to know
more about the Lincolns, let
me know and I will give
you a number of anecdotes
which I have learned from
my mother, neighbors and older
brothers and sisters - together with
dates and facts.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,
A. Ballison.

Allison, Geo. R.

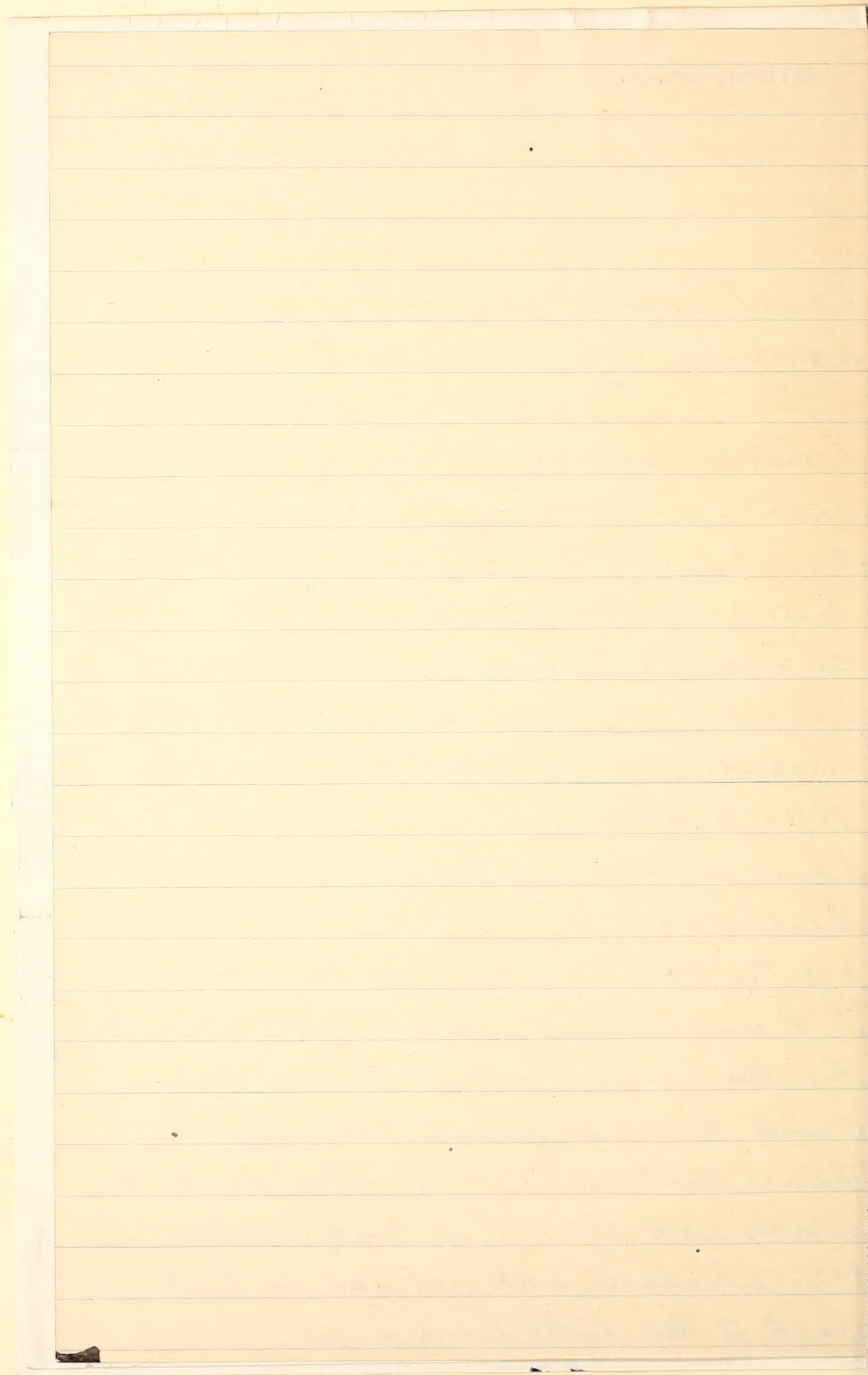
The Knoxville Journal
Knoxville Iowa.

Gentlemen

I was an early pioneer of Marion
County. I lived west of Knoxville from
the 10th of May 1847 until the 16th of
March 1846. I part through the
campaign of 1860-64; and I am
proud that I had the privilege of
voting for the Great Emancipator
Abe Lincoln.

I was present in Knoxville at both
elections.

on the election day in 1864 I walked ^{5 miles}
to Knoxville in order to vote, through
the ~~the~~ heaviest sleat I ever saw.
I will never forget it. The weight of
the ice that froze on the trees broke the
limbs and tops of, of many trees
It is pleasant, and yet sad, to look
back to this long time ago

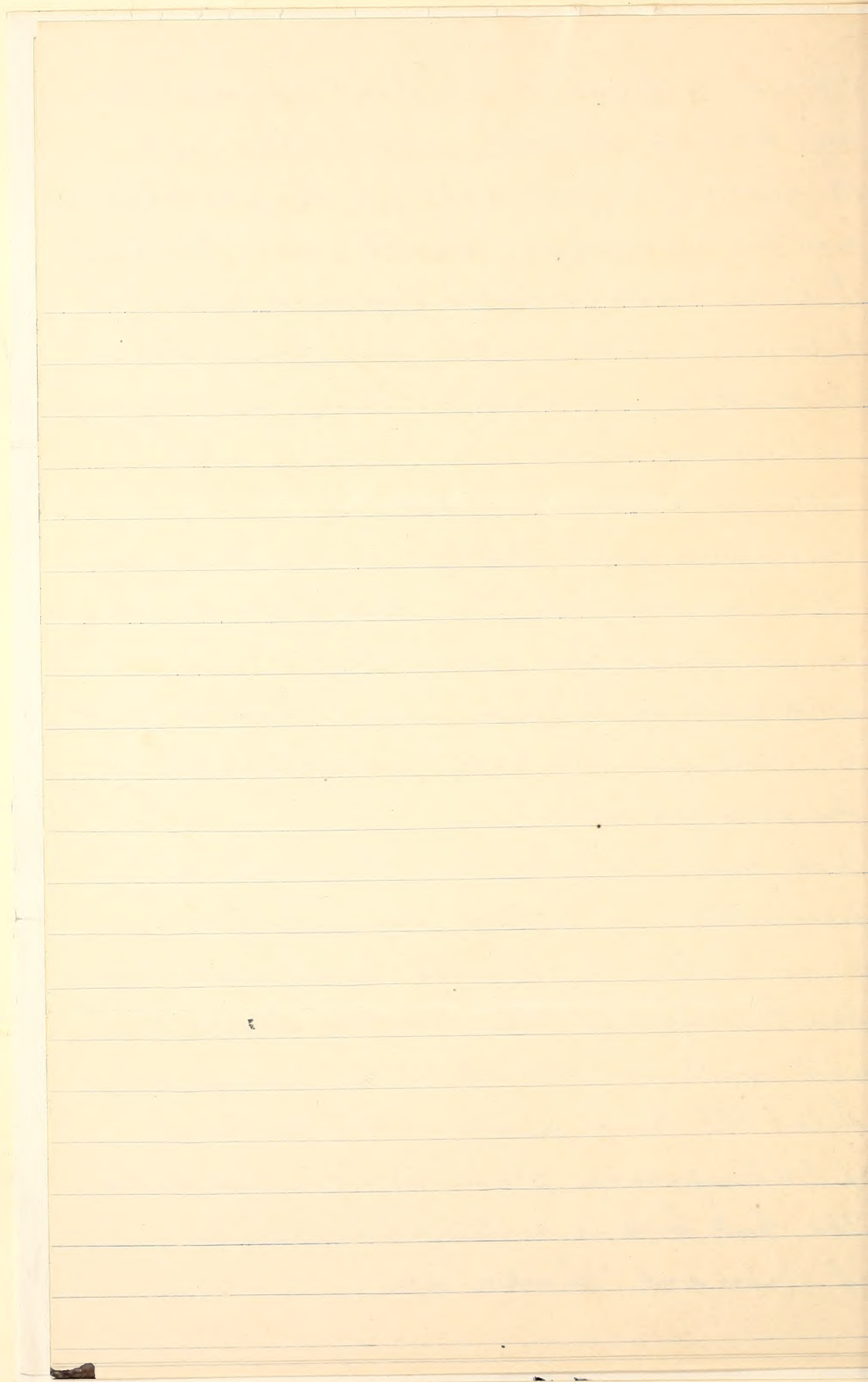


I know a great deal about pioneer life in Marion County, and I also had 13 years of experience on the frontier on the ranges in South west Dakota. I love Iowa. I love Marion County. I have to look back for more than a half a century to those early days, when we lived on hominy and grated meal for bread.

There is a great change since those days. It is wonderful. The Good Lord has led us in ways we new not of.

and as I said I am proud that I lived to vote for the Great emancipator of the colored race.

And now I long to live to have the privilege of casting my vote for some noble big hearted Temperance man for President of these United States that will with one stroke of the pen forever blot the Rum power (not the men) of Intemperence from the United States. The Good Lord is willing I do believe, if men and women are.

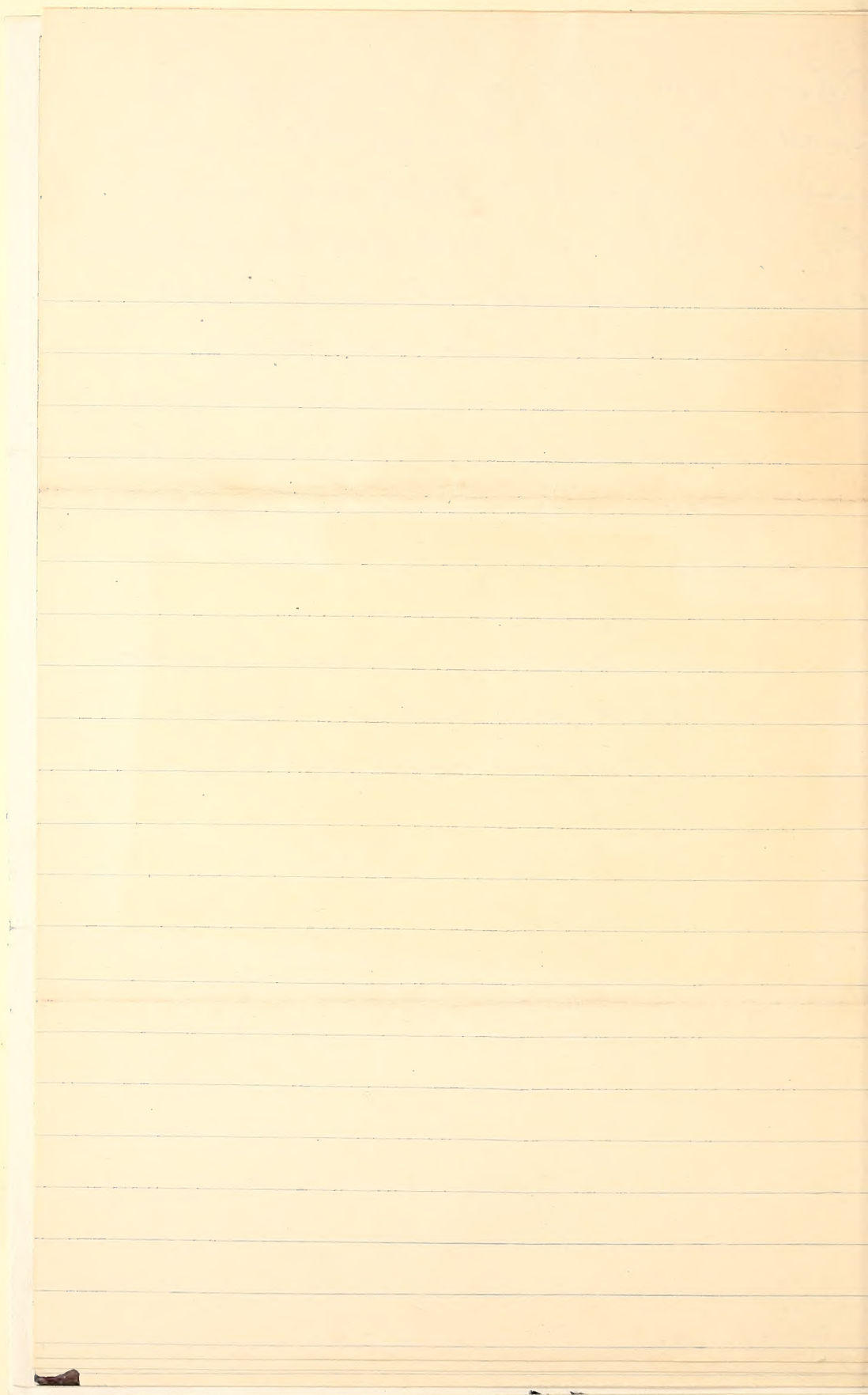


Then I am willing to be led of the
Lord to the top of Mount Hebo, from
whence I can look back and view
the landscape, and see this glorious
country prospering like unto a land
flowing with Milk and Honey.

Geo R Allison

1309 Woodland ave, Des Moines Iowa.

M. B. Mr, Editor if you can trim ~~this~~
the above so as to make it fit for a
place in your good paper put it in.



Amadon, John A.

Petersburg and Washington

Waterville, Vermont.

84 years of age
Saw Lincoln Many Times in 1864 and 1865
in Washington and when he visited my
regiment at Petersburg.

Visited Museum

Sept. - 1932

Sat. prior to dld.

John A. Amadon - Waterville, VT.

Send back ~~back~~ Rogers & L.L.

Patented, March 1, 1904.

Registered in the Patent Office

under No. 772,000



Arzt, Mrs. Magdalena

Phila

Independence Hall

Phila., Pa.

Feb-16- 1927

Mr. Howard H. Terry
4612 McKinly St

Lacony Phila
Pa

I Received your interesting
letter this morning will give you
Particulars It was on Washington
Birth day Feb 22 1861. my Father
Took me to see the Flag raising
his Employer G. Frank told my
Father ^(name) Gott. Strecker to take me
also We went in the Old Horse
car to 5th Chestnut as I was in my
10 years when we got there only few
People were there in short time
it was crowded at Independence Hall
every one was full of Glee to see
our President ~~abraham~~ Lincoln
abraham

2) There few children older than I
as it was early in morning every
one was on look out when we seen
our President Abraham Lincoln
coming down Chestnut Street to
Independence Hall his face beaming
with smiles bowing to every one
when he stepped from the Barouch
from Bingham Hotel that brought
him to State House as he passed
through the crowd I was in front
and said How do Abraham Lincoln
he turned and squeezed my hand
said how are my child he took of
his frock coat and High Hat
in his shirt sleeves hoisted the
American Flag to the top Pole
Hand over Hand I had a Good
view of the Impressive Ceremony

3)

He also said he would hoist
this American though it caused
his assassination our most
Beautiful Flag from all over
world you never heard such a
Hurrah Clapping of Hands and
Smiling Face its keeps my
memory Fresh the next time
I seen him June 16. 1864 in Logan
Square the Distinguished with his
wife at the Fair Sanitary Commission
for the Soldiers with that Smile
for Old and young the next time
I saw him our myked President
Laying in state in The East
room in Independence Hall in
His Coffin his resting Place

4) every one were in morning there
when his Funeral passed and not
a dry eye Old and ^{Young} shed bitter tears
our city was also drape in morning
as there were many got relics from
the street after Funeral passed
I also got a Cobble Stone and took it
home and still hold it the crowd
over Chestnut down fourth cant tell
how far down I am a Widdow 22 years
all my children are dead and ^{by} make
my own Living am 76 I will enclose
a card trust you will return it
after 10 weeks the only one I have
as I promised to letter others see
it if at any time you wish to call I
will let you hold the Cobble Stone
in your hand I am I hope every
Sunday would pleased to shake
hands with you as I had a few

callers from different Places just^{to}
shake hands with the hand that
abraham Lincoln shook

I have a Sister
Mrs C. W. Baker in Tacoma
7020 Glenloch St
also Bro. G. Strecker
who own quite a few garages
in Tacoma

my Nephew Wilbur Baker
Sister son that have a
Pool Room on Longshore St
below Townsend & Tacoma
ave

who Father Died now 8 1927

Excuse all mistakes
I have 38 ^{yet} letters to answer 2

If you at any time wish to
call to see me i may explain
better than Writing send me a
card when you will come i can
be home any evening or Sunday
all Day now when you get through
showing the reward card for to get
Lincoln assassinator kindly return
as there are no others to be got

With best wishes and Health from

Mrs Magdalena Arz
1336 N. Marston St

Phila
Pa

Ash, Albert M.

Dexter, N.Y.

Dexter, N.Y. Feb. 4. 1932.

Mr Howard K Terry.

Dear Sir:-

Please pardon my long neglect in answering your letter of Dec 7 1931. Mr Ash is not able to read or write since the shock he had in Dec 1929, though other wise he is real smart for one of 90 years.

Mr Ash was in Company K. 5th New York Heavy Artillery. enlisted at Sackett Harbor N.Y. and served the full three years except for about 3 weeks.

His company was stationed around Washington on guard duty for about one and a half years when they were sent to Maryland Heights and remained till the close of the war.

He never met Lincoln but like all other Civil War Boys has the fondest memory of Lincoln's

greatness and kindness toward
his soldiers.

Christopher Dingman 91 of Dexter
was in Company H Tenth N.Y. Heavy
Artillery. He says he visited Washington
several times on visiting day, greeted
and shook hands with Lincoln.

One young man of his company
was condemned to die. Word was
sent to Lincoln that the boy was
over tired after a long march and
was taking the place of a sick comrade
when found asleep.

He was pardoned and sent
back to the ranks.

There are only 4 surviving G.A.R.
boys in Dexter at present

Thomas J. Strainge 92.

Christopher Dingman 91

Albert M. Ash 90

Greenleaf Penny 80.

If this contains any interest to
you I shall be pleased.

Respect fully Mrs Albert M Ash.

April, 1934

April 1st
1934

Mr. J. H. Terry
Baltimore, Md.



Dear Mr. Terry:
I have just
received your
letter of the
1st inst.

and am
glad to hear
from you.

I am
very
kindly
trusting
you are
well.

I am
very
kindly
trusting
you are
well.

Very
truly
yours,
J. H. Terry

gradually and cheerfully toward
his solution.

Christopher Chapman 91 of Exeter
was in company of North 74 Heavy
Artillery on duty he visited Walter
James King on the two days prior
and found him in such condition

that he was sure of his case being
unavoidable. He said that
and he felt that the boy was
in the best of a long march
was taking the place of a man
in the front ranks.

He was then sent out
back of the line.

After a rest - returning to
the front.

William A. Williams 92
Christopher King 91
about 1000 93

Christopher King 91

If this contains any interest
you I shall be pleased.

I am truly yours Albert M. Lee

Autrim, Wm.

There was no place to vote -
if I would of supported him
with the second vote -

Wm. Guthrie
Marion co, Ga Knoxville N.Y.





Post Office

The Journal
Knoxville
Tn

This side for the Address only

Mr Editor of Journal
I am one of the survivors of Lincoln
I voted for Abraham Lincoln at the first election of Co A 33 Ia
Indefinitely I was on Transient

Ayer, McKinely

Rockport Ind
Nov 25 1931

Mr H. K. Terry.
Burlington Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter
of Nov. 15. and beg to
advise that the title
of the book in question
is "Footprints of
Abraham Lincoln" By
J. T. Hobson D.D. LL.B.
author of the Lincoln Year Book
Published by the
Otterbein Press, Dayton Ohio.
This book was copyrighted 1909
by J. T. Hobson.

This man was an united
Brethren Brother and
The Otterbein Press is
an united Brethren in Christ
Printing Press.

Nov. 1891

Grandfather

Nov. 1891

My dear Grandfather
I have been thinking
of you very much lately
and wondering how you
are getting on. I hope
you are well and happy.
I am well and hope
these few lines will find
you the same. I am
not writing you much
at present but I thought
I would write you a
few lines to let you
know I am still
thinking of you.
I am, your affectionate
son,
John

I do not know where
you could obtain a
Copy of this book. ~~it~~
unless you could get
one from them. For
I imagine that Hobson
is Dead. you could
probably find out
from the Otterbein Press.
at Dayton Ohio.

I am not so sure
about these People know
ing Lincoln But they
should be able to give
you something about him
Col J. S. Wright Rockport Ind
~~My~~ Major. Parsons Evansville
Henry Grigsby Churkey Ind
Eli Grigsby Gentryville Ind
over

Mr Brunner.
Editor of the Dale Reporter
Dale Indiana

C. T. Baker.
Editor of the Grandview Monitor
Grandview Ind.

There are probably
Others who could give
you more information
But I cannot think
of any more now.
Trusting that I have
given you some
information that will
do good.

Respectfully yours
M^{rs} Kinley Ayer
R#3
Rockport Ind.

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